

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of all claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An airbag device for a vehicle, the airbag device comprising:
an airbag having a vent opening and an interior that is inflated during airbag deployment with the vent opening allowing inflation gas to escape from the airbag interior during deployment thereof; and
a retainer for being mounted to the vehicle and from which the airbag is deployed;
an elongate securing member that includes a portion extending through the vent opening in the interior of the airbag for being secured to securing the airbag to the vehicle;
and
a fastener external of the retainer and adapted for connecting another portion of the securing member to the vehicle remote from the retainer.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Original) The airbag device of claim 1 wherein the elongate securing member is a single elongate securing member.
5. (Original) The airbag device of claim 1 wherein the elongate securing member is of flexible material.
6. (Original) The airbag device of claim 1 wherein the airbag includes an interior surface and the elongate securing member includes an end connected to the airbag interior surface.
7. (Original) The airbag device of claim 1 wherein the elongate securing member includes a triangular shaped end portion for being connected to the airbag.

8. (Currently amended) ~~The airbag device of claim 7 wherein~~ An airbag device for a vehicle, the airbag device comprising:
an airbag having an interior that is inflated during airbag deployment; and
an elongate securing member that includes a portion extending in the interior of the airbag for securing the airbag to the vehicle,
wherein the elongate securing member includes a triangular shaped end portion for being connected to the airbag, and the elongate securing member portion includes interior sections of the triangular end portion, the airbag includes an entry through hole through which the securing member extends and a pair of exit through holes through which the end portion sections extend, and
an exterior section of the triangular end portion interconnecting the interior sections external of the airbag.
9. (Original) The airbag device of claim 1 wherein the elongate securing member portion includes a pair of ends.
10. (Original) The airbag device of claim 9 wherein the airbag includes a pair of through holes through which the pair of ends are inserted into the interior of the airbag.
11. (Original) The airbag device of claim 9 wherein the airbag includes an interior surface and a plurality of guide members on the airbag interior surface and through which the pair of ends are guided along the airbag interior surface.
12. (Currently amended) The airbag device of claim 9 wherein the elongate securing member is of flexible material having a predetermined thickness, and
a ~~the~~ fastener for connecting the securing member to the vehicle ~~and including~~
includes an insertion portion defining a gap spacing having a predetermined height greater than the predetermined thickness of the securing member material to allow the securing member to freely extend through the insertion portion via the gap spacing thereof.

13. (Original) The airbag device of claim 1 wherein the vehicle is a motorcycle, and the elongate securing member extends substantially centrally in a fore and aft direction along the motorcycle.

14. (Original) The airbag device of claim 13 wherein the airbag includes an accordion-fold portion and a roll-fold portion prior to airbag deployment and the elongate securing member portion extends in the interior of the roll-fold portion.

15. (Currently amended) An airbag device for a motorcycle, the airbag device comprising:

an airbag for being inflated during airbag deployment; and

an elongate securing member for securing the airbag to the motorcycle having a predetermined length with a majority of the length thereof and extending centrally in a fore and aft direction along the motorcycle in an area generally between legs of a rider of the motorcycle prior to airbag deployment to minimize interference with the rider during airbag deployment.

16. (Original) The airbag device of claim 15 wherein the airbag has an interior, and the elongate securing member includes a portion extending in the interior of the airbag.

17. (Original) The airbag device of claim 15 wherein the elongate securing member includes a triangular end portion secured to the airbag to resist side-to-side swinging of the airbag during deployment thereof.

18. (Original) The airbag device of claim 15 wherein the elongate securing member includes a pair of ends secured to the airbag at vertically spaced positions to restrict vertical movement of the airbag.

19. (Original) The airbag device of claim 15 wherein the airbag includes an accordion-fold portion and a roll-fold portion with the accordion-fold portion being inflated followed by inflation of the roll-fold portion for smooth deployment of the airbag.

20. (Original) The airbag device of claim 19 wherein the elongate securing member is secured to the airbag roll-fold portion.
21. (New) A motorcycle including an airbag device, the motorcycle comprising:
a body of the motorcycle;
a seat for a rider;
handlebars forwardly of the seat for rider steering of the motorcycle;
an airbag for being deployed and inflated in emergency conditions;
a retainer from which the airbag is deployed and being mounted to the body adjacent
the handlebars and forwardly spaced from the seat along the body;
an elongate securing member for the airbag;
a fastener for the securing member being mounted to the body adjacent the seat; and
opposite end portions of the elongate securing member with one of the end portions
secured to the airbag and the other end portion secured to the fastener such that with the
spacing between the retainer and the fastener there is a long intermediate portion of the
elongate securing member extending centrally along the motorcycle body prior to airbag
deployment.
22. (New) The motorcycle of claim 21 wherein the airbag includes an interior, and the
one end portion extends in the interior of the airbag.